

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

In the Name of Allah, The Most Gracious, The Most Merciful

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"The believers are but a single brotherhood: so make peace and reconciliation between your brothers and keep your duty to Allah that you may receive mercy... And hold fast by the rope which Allah stretches out for you, and let nothing divide you among yourselves; and remember with gratitude Allah's favor on you; for you were enemies and he joined your hearts in love, so that by His grace you became brethren... Let there arise from among you a band of people inviting all that is good, enjoining what is right, and forbidding what is wrong. And these are the ones who are successful. And be not like those who became divided and disagreed after clear arguments had come to them. And for them is a grievous penalty." respectively 49:10, 3:103, 104 and 105.

While unity among Muslims is often discussed as a hope or a desire; the above verses translated from the Holy Qur'an clearly show that unity is much more than an earthly want --- it is a Divine command. Furthermore, once we realize this we cannot be divided for fear of a grievous penalty.

Our level of Iman or faith should be such that we fear Allah, The Most High too much to ignore His clear commands as given to His messenger in His book. In addition to fear of doing wrong, the beauty of Allah's message and the nurturing warmth of His Rahmah or mercy should melt our hearts, hardened by the trials of this world. Then, hopefully, by loving our fellow Muslims, we will be moved towards unity. But so tempting is the whispering of the accursed sneaking Shaitan, dear brothers and sisters, that this Rejected One will try any trick to keep us apart in disobedience to Almighty Allah. But Allah gives us refuge from the devil and from those who would seek to do mischief and keep us divided.

So, insha Allah, not ignoring past differences or present ones, we are still blessed by our Creator, Allah The Most High, with the yearning to come together. We all profess the basic and final reality of: LEH ILLEHEN ILLA ALLAH--- in light of this all differences are merely a part of this temporary illusion, this doonyuh, and will someday cease to exist.

In summary, this is to propose that, Insha Allah, all Newark area Muslims, immediately and without delay begin to implement a regular, weekly city-wide collective Jumah gathering with rotating Imams. Insha Allah this effort will start a process of unity that has as its reward a promise from our Creator --- a clear promise of success.

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